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County politics is warming up a little.

Democracy must in every case declare its position clearly, honestly on every position.

The minority in congress will support all of President Roosevelt's democratic policies.

More labor employing in institutions are much needed in Monroe City. We can easily get them.

Just after the holidays will be a good time to organize that Commercial Club and go to work in earnest for the up-building of Monroe City.

There are many self confessed criminals in this country who are living like lords and yet the evidence against them is sufficient to place them behind prison bars. Why are they not where they belong?

The present congress will have taken a long step toward temperance if it takes all government tax off of spirituous and malt liquors. This action will take the liquor business with all its train of evils out of politics, it will take the government out of partnership with the liquor business, it will reduce drunkenness in this country, it will break up the treating habit which is the cause of most drunkenness.

Mrs. Mary Young, of Hannibal, has been the guest of Jerry Edwards and family.

Let us one and all try to do more good in 1906 than we did in 1905 or any other year that has passed.

Clerks Realize.

Clerks in merchantile houses often see what their employers either do not see or will recognize or admit. More than once when entering a store to solicit advertising, clerks have said to us: Get out of here Mr. Dick, we are working hard enough now without any more advertising. They immediately in labor caused by it, feel the difference when good advertisements go out and "de boss" in increased business must also feel it, but won't it or it does teach them the lesson. It pays big to advertise, that it ought to.

Cure for Bowed Legs.

A happy mother whose little boy's legs had been frightfully bowed and had become straight, upon being congratulated told how the cure had been accomplished. It was by the simple method of riding a velocipede, thereby combining much pleasure for the little fellow with the treatment for his little limbs. This certainly seems an easy, inexpensive and pleasant way to cure a deformity that is quite common among children. It could do no harm to give it a trial.

Vast Depth of the Sea.

If Mount Everest, 29,002 feet, were set down in the Nero deep, 31,614 feet, there would still be nearly one-half mile of water above its summit.

WERE AFRAID OF BATH TUB.

Contrivance Was Convenient, but Had Awful Possibilities.

It would seem that the Harlem flat architect has at last reached the limit of space economy.

On their return from the country two women of moderate means set out in quest of an apartment which should combine the maximum of respectability with the minimum of rent. They found this a discouraging business. They were frowned upon by janitors and snubbed by bellhops. They traveled up and down miles of stairway. They inspected six-room-and-bath suites by the dozen, but found nothing to suit both their tastes and their pocketbooks. All the apartments they saw were either cheap and nasty or desirable and dear.

But when finally they reached an imposing yellow brick edifice with plate glass doors and marble halls, and a rent that made them raise their eyebrows in surprise, they seemed to have found at last the combination they sought.

"You'll find there's a reason," said the younger woman.

But there didn't seem to be. The rooms were light and pleasant; there was a gas range and hot water supply.

"But where is the bath?" they asked.

For answer the janitor turned to a panel in the back parlor and pressed a button. The panel slid back and disclosed a bath tub!

The women looked at each other.

"Would you?" asked one.

"But a caller might inadvertently touch the button," said the other.

This suggestion settled it, and they are still flat hunting.

BACKED UP FRIEND'S STORY.

Circumstantial Evidence That Shuts Off All Debate.

Judge Henry A. Shute, the author of "The Real Diary of a Real Boy," was born in Exeter, N. H., and an Exeter man said of him the other day:

"Harry Shute and I used to fish together in our childhood. Many a mess of brook trout, perch and horned pout we hooked before we knew how to read or write.

"One day when we were fishing a city boy joined us. He sat down on a piece of granite rock, and while we fished he lied to us about city life.

"When we got through I thought I would do a little lying for the country's sake.

"You see that farm over there?" said. "Well, that farm belongs to Cyrus Skinner, our champion farmer. Do you know how much butter and cheese Cyrus Skinner makes? Why, he makes 1,000,000 pounds of butter and 1,000,000 pounds of cheese a year."

"The city boy looked skeptical and I turned to Shute to back me up. I turned a little timidly, though, for Shute was, as a rule, a truthful boy.

"Ain't that so, Harry?" I said. "Don't Cyrus Skinner make 1,000,000 pounds of butter and 1,000,000 pounds of cheese a year?"

"Well," says Harry, "I can't say as I ever heard precisely how much cheese and butter Skinner makes, but I know for a fact that he has eleven sawmills that all run by buttermilk." —Boston Globe.

Crushed Would-Be Song Writer.

Paul Dresser has been deluged of late years by letters begging for advice in the art of song-writing. While realizing that musicians are born and not made, he has always tried to return as helpful an answer as possible. But even patience has its occasional Waterloo, and Dresser's came last week. He was riding uptown on a Broadway car when a total stranger dropped into the seat beside him with the remark:

"You're Paul Dresser, the song writer, aren't you?"

Dresser admitted the incriminating fact.

"Well," went on the stranger, "I've been wanting to meet you. I haven't much time to spare, so I'd like you to tell me in as few words as possible what are the absolutely necessary requirements for writing a popular song."

"The absolutely necessary requirements," responded Dresser, rising to leave the car, "are pen, ink, paper and brains. I'm afraid that last clause bars you out." —New York World.

Due Notice Given.

One of the presidents of the United States whom it is unnecessary to name had a brother-in-law who was a clergyman. This man was captured for a public dinner in a country town and invited to lead in prayer. He was introduced as follows:

"The throne of grace will now be approached by the brother-in-law of the president of the United States." —New York Times.

He "v" Him.

"I don't v this bill," said the dilatory.

"No natty," he reply. "You wouldn't padder nicker if you did."

Miss K. Drake has been friends.

AS A NEW

Man Sees Monroe City and Suggests Benefits

On all sides I hear the talk of a Greater Monroe. Why talk of this empty kind should now be in evidence is a mystery to me. Monroe is a new city and our interests should be to make it better. Monroe is now or in short time will be at a stand still if the capitalists do not interest themselves in enterprise. This city is a centre of great possibilities. It is the centre of trade in this section. It can be made the centre of future commerce and manufacture. For instance, there is right in this town everything to encourage Woolen Manufactures and make it the connecting link between the North, East and West. It could also be made a great tanning and shoe centre. It is very favorably situated, for there are three great out going channels. The Burlington, the M. K. & T., and Wabash railroads.

What is necessary to raise this city above the level of others like it? It has gotten a good start why not push it along?

The one thing necessary is a good water and sewerage system. Were such an attraction and benefit once established and all the capitalists take hold of the enterprise and others that would follow our city in a short time would reach the 10,000 mark. The great manufactures of the East who are looking for an opportunity to expand their business could not pass us by as often as they do. Our new Creamery is a step in the right direction, yet it is only tentative but when good enterprising men are backing it up it is bound to succeed and in connection with it could be run a profitable cheese factory. It is to be hoped that other good and permanent enterprises will be started in the near future.

Until our wealthy citizens utilize their idle money in profitable enterprise it is only futile speaking of a Greater Monroe. Let them take up the statistics of the outputs of our city and they will be convinced of the above statement.

"There is a tide in the affairs of men when taken at the flood leads on to fortune." This holds goods with cities and nations as well as with humble individuals of our commercial world. Let the monied citizens of every political creed bestir themselves and in this New Year commence uplifting our city to a higher standard. The flood-tide is now here to make us or to mar us. Which shall it be! A Greater Monroe or the "Deserted Queen of the Prairies." —AN OBSERVER.

Give Warning on Match Boxes.

It is interesting to learn just now, when there is so much being done to prevent the spread of tuberculosis by expectoration, that the Argentine Health Department has been working on different lines to accomplish the same end. Simple instructions explaining how to prevent the spread of tuberculosis have been printed on the labels of more than eight million match boxes sent out as an experiment.

Luck in Last Sheaf of Corn.

In many parts of Scotland, and more particularly in the lowlands, it is believed that the man or woman who secures the privilege of binding the last sheaf of corn on the harvest field will be blessed with good luck for the following year. The privilege of doing so is eagerly contested for by harvest hands.

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